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**AMENDMENTS****In the claims:**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)

( 8. (Twice Amended) A minnow bucket, comprising:  
a bucket base ~~including~~ molded to include a plurality of guide rails and a dispenser chute, ~~wherein the plurality of guide rails extend inwardly from an outside surface of the bucket base,~~ wherein the dispenser chute is positioned on a respective side of the bucket base and extends downwardly and away from the outside surface of the bucket base;

an automatic dispensing device positioned inside the bucket base, wherein the automatic dispensing device comprises a minnow tray connected with a minnow tray handle, wherein the minnow tray is ~~formed having a concave shape~~ molded having a sidewall and a base, wherein the base has a generally concave shape that slopes downwardly from the sidewall to a minnow tray opening, a minnow tray opening and wherein the base includes a plurality of apertures that allow water to pass through the base of the minnow tray, wherein the sidewall of the minnow tray further includes a plurality of guide slots that fit within that extend inwardly in relation to an outside surface of the sidewall for receiving the guide rails of the bucket base, wherein the automatic dispensing device is positioned in the bucket base such that the dispenser

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chute of the bucket base is aligned on a vertical axis in relation to the minnow tray opening of the minnow tray; and

a lid connected with the bucket base having molded to include a first opening located on an upper surface of the lid on a central axis in relation to the bucket base and a second opening, wherein the minnow tray handle extends through the first opening, wherein the lid is also molded to include a and the second opening is aligned on a vertical axis in relation to the dispenser chute of the bucket base and the minnow tray opening of the minnow tray that slopes conically downward in relation to the upper surface of the lid to define a minnow return.

9. (Previously Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

21. (Once Amended) The minnow bucket of claim 8, further comprising an air pump connected with the lid for aerating water contained in the bucket base, wherein the air pump includes an output hose that is connected with an air diffuser, wherein the output hose passes through a third opening in the lid such that the air diffuser is positioned in the bucket base.

12. (Previously Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Canceled)

16. (Previously Canceled)

17. (Previously Canceled)

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